proliferation of ballistic missile. AGNI system has a range capability more than the limit of 300 km stipulated under MTCR.

Charter of demands by the extra departmental employees of the Gujarat circle

785. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharatiya Postal Extra Departmental (ED) Employees Gujarat Circle have submitted any Charter of demands to the Senior superintendent of Post Offices, Rajkot Division, Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of demands contained in the Charter of Demands submitted by the Rajkot Divisional Branch of Bharatiya Extra Departmental Employees Union in Gujarat Circle and the response of the Government thereto are indicated in the enclosed statement. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 64].

Resistance developed in malarial parasites against DDT

786. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain varieties of malarial parasites have developed resistance to DDT;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to find out the ways, to control these parasites at the Central Vector Control Centre, Pondicherry and at any other Centre, and if so, the results thereof; and

(c) whether similar studies on resistance in other common Vectors, such as filaria, meningitis, Kala-Azar etc. have also been undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, certain varieties of Malarial Parasites like A. Culicifacies, A. Stephensi and A. annularis have been reported to have developed resistance to DDT and other commonly used pesticides.

(b) Yes, to overcome the problem of insecticides resistance and possible deleterious effect of alternate insecticides on non-target organisms, Vector Control Research Centre Pondicherry and Malaria Research Centre., Delhi have evolved a bioenvironmental control strategy. Field experiments at Kheda, Gujarat have demonstrated that bioenvironmental control of malaria instead of conventional method of insecticides application was feasible, and socially acceptable.

(c) Vector Control Research Centre Pondicherry and National Institute of Communicable Diseases have carried out studies on Filariasis and Kala-Azar.

Raining of blood like fluid in Kanyakumari

787. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a Press report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 30th April, 1989 regarding blood like fluid raining form the sky in a small village in Kanyakumari; and

(b) whether Government have investigated and analysed the phenomenon scientifically; if so, the details thereof?